GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR SERVICES FOR N.E. REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)whether any scheme has been formulated to improve the air services in the North East Region;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent/likely to be spent by the Government for implementation of the scheme;and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c)and(d): Alliance Air, a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Airlines Ltd., has leased 4 ATR aircraft for improving connectivity in ths North Eastern Region (NER). This project has been supported by a budgetary assistance of Rs. 35 crores per annum by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region through the North Eastern Council (NEC), for a five year period beginning with the financial year 2002-03. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between the Alliance Air and the NEC for this purpose. As a part of the MOU, Alliance Air is required to operate the ATR aircraft exclusively to provide connectivity to/in NER, in consultation with NEC and to make Guwahati as a operational base. Till date Rs. 105 crores have been released to the Indian Airlines/Alliance Air for this purpose. Alliance Air is operating 148 flights/week with ATR aircraft to 8 stations in North East Region and carrying approximately 3100 passengers/week.